

## *Norwalk Old Timers Scholarships*

The Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association also honors “Young Timers” with six high school scholarships.

The 2022–23 school year marked the 32nd year of the *Eugene ‘Ike’ and Alberta Kern Scholarship Award*, which is named after the late legendary Norwalk High School football coach and his wife, and is presented annually to an NHS senior football player. Presented in the spring, the 2023 recipient was **BRENDAN GILCHRIST**.

Since 1993, the Old Timers have presented the Williard R. Williams Scholarship Award in memory of the longtime Norwalk Hour sports editor who covered local sports for more than half a century. The scholarship recognizes a male student-athlete at Norwalk and Brien McMahon high schools. This year’s recipients were **BENJAMIN BRADLEY** of NHS and **ZAVIER HERNANDEZ** of McMahon.

The *Thomas C. O’Connor Scholarship Award* was created in 2001 and recognizes a female student-athlete at each high school. O’Connor, the former Mayor of Norwalk, was a big fan of girls sports and this scholarship was started shortly after his passing. The 2023 recipients were **JADE MARIN** of Brien McMahon and **CASEY DONNELLY** of Norwalk High.

The Norwalk Old Timers also created a new scholarship in 2011 in the memory of Jack Casagrande, the former coaching legend at Brien McMahon who passed away in December 2010. It recognizes a senior football player for the Senators, and the 2023 recipient was **LOGAN SCHLEGEL**.

All six high school scholarship winners were awarded \$1,000.

In addition, the Old Timers periodically award scholarships to players in youth sports programs. Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the *‘Chick’ Ciccarelli Memorial Scholarship* is named after our longtime Executive Board member who passed away in 2001. Ciccarelli was instrumental in starting Norwalk’s first Little League in 1951 and in his memory the scholarship makes it possible for a youngster to attend the Norwalk Board of Education Baseball Camp during the summer.

Then in 2009, the *Bob and Tom Corbo Scholarship* was established to honor two more longtime Executive Board members who coached in the Norwalk Bidy Basketball League for many years. Their scholarship enables someone from the local Bidy League to attend the Norwalk Board of Ed Basketball Camp in the summer.

*‘Ike’ Kern, Williard Williams, Tommy O’Connor, and Jack Casagrande  
are all past Old Timers honorees, as are ‘Chick’ Ciccarelli and  
Bob and Tom Corbo.*